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1. The military airfield east of Sprottau (O 52/B 35) was intact in 1945 when it was taken over by the Soviets. There was a concrete runway extending from northeast to southwest. Several intact hangars were located in the southeastern section of the field. No new hangars have been erected since the war. There were aircraft dispersal areas at the field. Most of the planes were parked in front of the hangars in the eastern section of the field and north of the buildings in the southern section. There were old German fuel installations in the northeastern section of the field. Offices were housed in a U-shaped building south of the hangars. There was no spur track.
2. Intact brick and wooden barracks buildings, which were erected by the German Armed Forces and which were occupied by Soviet Air Force troops were located south of the road to Primkenau (O 52/T 45).
3. The houses on both sides of ul. Kosciuszki, formerly Hindenburgstrasse, in Sprottau were occupied by Soviet Air Force officers' dependents and the Soviet airfield commander, a lieutenant colonel. In December 1950, the families on Hindenburgstrasse were being rotated.
4. Between 1945 and 1951, the field was permanently occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. Up to 150 single-engine and twin-engine aircraft were located there during this period, while the number of troops fluctuated. There was flying both day and night. The largest group observed over the town in 1950 consisted of about 10 individual formations of about 7 to 9 planes each. No parachuting, either individually or in groups, was observed over the field. In February 1951, there were an estimated 800 Air Force troops at the field. All of the EW were under 25 years old. Most of the flying personnel were officers. *

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